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Submit Ballot Requests Now for Upcoming U.S. Primary Elections and the General Election

July 28, 2010

The following States will hold Primary Elections during August and September 2010 on the dates indicated.

- August 3, 2010: Kansas, Michigan, Missouri
- August 5, 2010: Tennessee
- August 10, 2010: Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota
- August 17, 2010: Washington, Wyoming
- August 24, 2010: Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Vermont
- August 28, 2010: Louisiana (1st Party Congressional)
- August 28, 2010 West Virginia will hold a special primary election to fill the Senatorial vacancy left by the passing of United States Senator Robert C. Byrd. Voters registering for the first time in West Virginia will need to provide an original voter registration application by the August 9, 2010 voter registration deadline.
- September 4, 2010: Guam
- September 11, 2010: Virgin Islands
- **September 14, 2010:** Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Wisconsin
- September 18, 2010: Hawaii

<u>Primary election dates are subject to change!</u> To find out if your state's primary election date has changed use the FVAP election dates calendar found at: http://www.fvap.gov/vao/calendar.html.

All States and Four Territories will hold the General Elections during on November 2, 2010. Puerto Rico will not be holding an election this cycle.

Register and Request Your Ballot Now!

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who have not registered or requested an absentee ballot this year, should do so as soon as possible. To register or request an absentee ballot use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

The FPCA and instructions for the above States are available at www.fvap.gov/FPCA. Click on your State on the map and follow the instructions to register and request an absentee ballot. Some States allow submitting the FPCA by fax or email in addition to regular mail. If your State allows an electronic alternative to mailing the form, FVAP recommends you use that option.

Send your **FPCA NOW** to your election office to ensure you have enough time to receive, vote, and return the ballot!

Additional information

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

We want your feedback! If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at www.fvap.gov, 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at wote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website https://travelregistration.state.gov, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

U.S. citizens should consult the <u>Country Specific Information</u> for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at http://travel.state.gov. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/.